REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	04 March 1999
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court at Napier
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	12yrolds.txt
Other Known Titles:	12yrolds.txt text file
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Stated
Format:	Computer Printout
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer printout entitled *12yrolds.txt* also known as *12yrolds.txt text file* is classified as:
Objectionable.

This is because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. *12yrolds.txt* is a sexually explicit story concerning a 33 year old man engaging in sexual activity, including vaginal intercourse, with two 12 year old girls, one of whom is his daughter. The girls are attributed with initiating the sexual activity.

The children described in the story are attributed with adult attitudes and knowledge with regard to sexual activity. The language used to describe the sexual activity and body parts such as genitals is colloquial, offensive, and salacious

This publication, by its use of child characters, and the sexual language and activities attributed to them, seeks to legitimise their engagement in sexual activity with adults. The publication also seeks to promote such activity as socially normal and acceptable.

The exploitation of children is a section 3(2) criteria of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. *12yrolds.txt* promotes and supports this s3(2) criteria. Section 3(2) criteria are inconsistent with and override s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) which allows for “the freedom to seek, receive, and impart information and opinions of any kind in any form.” Therefore s14 of the NZBR Act cannot apply to this computer printout.

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